accretion. Government accordingly propose to extend the Pier by 209 feet and a sum of Rs 1 lakh is provided for the purpose in the P. W. D. budget for 1110. The contract for the work has been given to Messrs. Braithwate & Co., Calcutta, and it is hoped that the Pier works would be completed before the close of the next year. In the meantime, suitable steps have been taken to remove the sand accretion, to the extent possible, by cutting sandridges and by bucket-dredging.

19. *Education* —The allotment for the next year is Rs 47·76 lakhs, which is Rs 1·16 lakhs in excess of the anticipated expenditure of the current year. It includes provision for the reorganisation of the Inspectorate of the Education Department on the lines suggested by the Education Reforms Committee in their report. Under the new scheme, the State is divided into four Divisions, each under an Inspector with headquarters at Trivandrum, Quilon, Tiruvalla and Muvattupuzha. The two appointments of the Inspector of English Schools and the Inspector of Vernacular Schools have been merged in the cadre of the new Division Inspectors. There will also be an Inspectress of Girls' Schools who will continue to exercise jurisdiction over the whole State in respect of all Girls' Schools except the Primary Schools for Girls, which will be under the control of the respective Division Inspectors. The Inspectress of Schools will have an Assistant Inspectress to inspect the Vernacular High and Middle Schools for Girls. The number of Assistant Inspecting Officers has been fixed at 31, excluding the Mahomedan Inspector and the Assistant Inspectress under the Inspectress and the whole State is divided into as many districts. Under the old system, there were 2 Assistant Inspectors of English Middle Schools, 21 Assistant Inspectors of Vernacular Schools and 6 Assistant Inspectresses of Girls' Schools. All these Assistant Inspecting Officers have been merged into one cadre under the Division Inspectors and the total strength raised from 29 to 31 by abolishing the offices of Personal Assistants to the Inspectors of English and of Vernacular schools and placing them in charge of districts. The Assistant Inspecting Officers will be in charge of all Primary Schools, whether for boys or for girls, within their jurisdiction. The posts of the Deputy Director of Public Instruction and the Vice Principal of the Training College have been abolished. The Education Reforms Committee in their report emphasised the necessity for greater control of expenditure in the department; and as proposed by them, a Financial Assistant to the Director of Public Instruction was appointed temporarily towards the close of the current year to be in charge of the Accounts branch of the Office

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of the Director of Public Instruction and also to be responsible for the internal audit of all departmental accounts and the proper maintenance of month-by-month expenditure and its check and control. The Financial Assistant so appointed is proposed to be continued temporarily next year also. The ministerial staff in the Director's office has been strengthened during the current year. Geography has been made a compulsory subject for the School Leaving Certificate Examination according to the revised scheme. The absence of teachers, whether in departmental or private schools, qualified to teach the subject on modern scientific lines is therefore a serious drawback. To remove this defect, arrangements have been made for a course of lectures in Geography being given to the teaching staff by an expert from Madras fully conversant with up-to-date methods of teaching the subject. To suit the convenience of all teachers who may be desirous of taking advantage of this course of lectures, the lectures have been arranged to be given during the Christmas holidays. The Education Reforms Committee have suggested, among other things, that with a view to encourage the continuance of Depressed class pupils in the schools of the State, tangible recognition should be given to the efforts made by managers and teachers to retain those pupils in their schools and to devote special attention to their progress from class to class. The Committee have accordingly suggested the payment of additional grants-in-aid to private schools in proportion to the number of Depressed class pupils, found fit to receive instruction in the highest class of Primary Schools. A lump sum has been provided in the budget for working out the scheme as an experimental measure in the first instance. Provision has also been made for the appointment of a Weaving Instructor in the Kannamangalam Vernacular Middle School for girls. Forms V and VI having been opened in the incomplete English High Schools at Kanjirapally and Chalai respectively from the beginning of the current school year, the additional staff necessitated thereby has been provided for. Besides, for the continuance of the 17 temporary teachers in the general list of graduate teachers, a lump sum provision has also been made for the apppointment of additional teachers in Vernacular Schools for Boys and Girls. The continuance of the re-constituted Text-Book Committee formed on the recommendations of the Education Reforms Committee has also been provided for. A lump sum provision has also been made for the encouragement of Socuting in departmental schools, as the major portion of the grant of Rs 5,000 that is being sanctioned from year to year for the Travancore Boy's Scouts Association is being spent on the headquarters staff, the annual rally, etc.

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Medical and Engineering Colleges.—In pursuance of the arrangements entered into with the Government of Madras for the reservation of seats for Travancore students in the Medical and the Engineering Colleges, Government have selected, for the course of studies commencing in July 1934, three students for the Medical College, two males and one female, and 8 students for the Engineering College, four for the Engineer Class and four for the Upper Subordinate Class. The contribution payable to the Government of Madras on account of these students, as also of those that have been previously selected, has been provided for in the budget under Education. Provision has also been made for the usual grant to the Benares Hindu University.

20. *Agriculture and Fisheries.*—The Agricultural Schools at Koni and Kottarakara are proposed to be continued. Provision has also been made for the continuance of the temporary staff of 3 Inspectors appointed for propaganda work in the taluks of Neyyattinkara, Mavelikara and Tiruvalla. The retention of the temporary Assistant Teacher in the Fishery School at Munambom and the temporary Fishery Sub Inspector and staff at Kumarakam engaged in the conduct of patrol work in the Vembanad lake has also been provided for. The Imperial Council of Agricultural Reserch has, in trying to accommodate the various Indian States to become members thereof, recently reduced the subscription for membership from Rs. 2 lakhs to Rs. 1 lakh payable in 20 annual instalments of Rs. 5,000 each. Mysore, Baroda and Cochin have already availed themselves of this concession. In view of the advantages that the State is likely to derive from the membership of the Council, this Government have also decided to join the Council. The first instalment of Rs. 5,000 payable next year has been provided in the Agricultural budget.

21. *Industries.*—The Sales Depot at Trivandrum is being taken advantage of by private individuals and institutions as an advertising agency for the popularisation of the products of their cottage industries and provision has been made for its continuance next year. The Trade Agent at Bombay entered upon his duties in Meenam last. He has begun work by opening a Sales Depot at Bombay, which is to serve as a central agency for the collection of Travancore products for distribution in the British Indian markets. The first instalment of consignments of ivory goods from the School of Arts, coir mats and mattings from Paravur and cashew-nuts from Quilon, has already been despatched to the Depot. It is proposed to continue the Trade Agent and his staff during the next year also. The various industries mentioned in my Budget speech last year promise to thrive well. Though the dyeing and printing section started work only at the beginning of this year, it is now supplying

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